

THE DYING YEAR.

"Midnight Mass, for the Dying Year," is the striking life of Prof. Lowmeyer's "Fifth Psalm of Life," in the last Knickerbocker. It is exceedingly beautiful and spirited, as the following stanzas will show:

Yes, the year is growing old,
And his eye is pale and blind;
Death, with frosty hand and cold,
Plucks the old man by the beard,
Sorely—sorely!

The leaves are falling, falling,
Solemnly and slow;
Cave! cave! the rooks are calling;
It is a sound of woe!

A sound of woe!
Through woods and mountain passes,
The winds like sighing souls roll;
They are chanting solemn psalms,
Saying "Pray for this poor soul,
Pray—pray!"

And the hooded clouds, like friars,
Tell their beads in drops of rain,
And patter their doleful prayers;
But it is all in vain—
All in vain.

There he stands in the foul weather,
The foolish, fond Old Year,
Crown'd with wild-flowers and with heather,
Like weak, despised Lear,
A king—a king!

To the crimson words he saith,
And the voice gentle and low,
Of the soft air, like a daughter's breath,
"Pray, do not mock me so!
Do not laugh at me!"

And now the sweet day is dead;
Cold in his arms it lies;
No stain from his breath is spread
Over the glassy skies,
No mist nor stain!

Then too, the Old Year dieth,
And the forests utter a moan,
Like the voice of out who crouch
In the wilderness alone,
"Vex not his ghost!"

Then comes, with an awful roar,
Gathering and sounding on,
The storm-wind from Labrador,
The wind Euroclydon,
The storm wind!

Howl! howl! and from the forest
The red leaves are swept away!
Would the sins that thou abhorrest,
O Soul! could so decay.
And pass away!

THE POOR MAN'S SONG.

FROM LUND.

A poor man, poorer than I am,
And walk the world alone,
Yet do I call a spirit free,
And cheerful heart, my own.

A gleesome child, I played about
My dear, dear father's hearth,
But grief has fallen upon my path
Since they are laid in earth.

I see rich gardens round me bloom,
I see the golden grain;
My path is bare and barren all,
And trod with toil and pain.

And yet, though sick at heart, I'll stand
Where happy faces throng,
And wish good morn'g heartily
To all who pass along.

A homeless God! Thou'lt say me not
To comfortless despair;
There comes a gentle hand from heaven
For every child of care.

Still in each dell thy sacred home
Points musingly to the sky;
The organ and the choral song
Arrest each passer by.

Still shine the sun, the moon, the stars,
With blessing e'en on me,
And when the evening bell rings out,
Then, Lord, I speak with thee.

One day shall to the good disclose
Thy halls of joy and rest,
Then in my wedding robes even I
Shall seat me at thy guest.

WINTER.

BY MRS. SIGOURNEY.

"I deem thee not unlovely—though thou com'st
With a stern visage. To the timeless bird—
The tender flower—the rejoicing stream,
Thy discipline is harsh. But unto man
Melancholy thou hast a kinder nature—
The heightened eye is full of friendly joys,
And darkness linking of warm heart to heart;
So that the horse storm passes by unheard,
Earth ro'ld in white, a peaceful Sabbath holds,
And keepeth silence at her Maker's feet,
She ceaseth from the harrowing of the plough,
And from the harvest shouting."

"Man should rest
Thus from his fevered passions—and exhale
The unbreathed carbon of his festering thought,
And drink in holy health. As the toiled bark
Duth seek the shelter of some quiet bay
To trim its shattered cordage and repair
Its riven sails—so should the toil-worn mind
Rest for time's rough voyage. Man, perchance,
Soured by the world's sharp commerce, or impaired
By the wild wanderings of his summer way,
Turns like a trout scholar towards his home,
And yields his nature to sweet influence
That purify and save."

The Daguerreotype Again.—We have examined the splendid specimens executed by the means of this instrument which have been brought to this country by M. Gouraud, the authorized agent of Daguerre in this country.

The views and copies, which compose his collection, exceed in beauty, exactness, and minuteness of finish any thing that we had been led to expect. They are perfect miniature transcripts of the originals. It would baffle the most laborious engraver to present objects with such inimitable nicety and fidelity. The effects of water scenery are given in a manner superior to that of any oil painting we have seen. The river seems absolutely to flow. Bas-reliefs, tapestry, carpets, vases, statues, and engravings, are copied with a delicacy that no painting or engraving could imitate. We are amply convinced that it is one of the greatest inventions of the age, and will mark a new era in the history of art.

The Emperor of Russia has engaged M. Daguerre's personal services for a year to come. Many manufacturers in France are speculating on the excitement produced all over the world by his discovery, and we may expect a free importation of worthless materials. Artists and men of science must therefore be on their guard. Messrs. Alphonse, Giroux & Co., of Paris, to whom M. Daguerre has given the sanction of his name, have accredited M. Gouraud, who is now in New York, as the agent.—Evening Signal.

Mineral Resources of Missouri.—The mineral treasures of Missouri are but partially disclosed. That State has long been known to possess immense deposits of lead; recent examinations go to show that copper, iron and coal also abound. The St. Louis Republican gives some account of Dr. King's late survey of the Valley of the Osage river, from the mouth of the stream up to the American Fur Company's establishment beyond the State line. Lead, copper and iron ores were found on both sides of the river, similar to those abounding in the southern part of the

State. From Osceola on the south side of the river, and from Warsaw on the north, as far as the State line, a coal region extends. The coal is represented as being very abundant, and in many places so near the water's edge that mines might be opened and the coal thrown into a boat on the river. The veins of iron and coal are in many places contiguous. It is stated that in the coal district salt springs abound—but none are discovered where the primitive formation of limestone exists.—Balt. American.

THE ADMISSION OF IOWA INTO THE UNION.—Gov. Lucas has his late message to the Territorial legislature, brought to their attention the question of being admitted into the Union as a State. The subject has been taken up by the legislature, and after an animated contest between those in favor and those against an immediate application, has been decided against making the application. The report of the committee, and the resolution, were passed by the following vote:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to take any preparatory steps for admission into the Union at the present session of the Legislative Assembly.

It was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Biggs, Brewster, Churchman, Clark, Cook, Cox, English, Egan, Hastings, Hawkins, Langworthy, Lasher, Miller, Munroe, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Sumners, Walworth, and Wheeler—21.
Nays—Messrs. Hall, Patterson, Rich, and Johnston. Speaker—4.

SOUVENIRS FOR NEXT YEAR.—Finden's Tale, The Book of the Boudoir; the Oriental Annual; Friendship's Offering; the Belle of the Season; the Forget-me-Not; the Book of Beauty; the Gem; the Gift; the Pearl; the Violet; the Religious Souvenir; the Religious Offering; the Literary Souvenir; the Gems of Beauty; the Youth's Annual; the Juvenile Keepsake, along with many other Books, suitable for New Year's Gifts, are for sale by F. TAYLOR, (many of them only this day received,) at the lowest Philadelphia and New York prices in every case. dec 28

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS.—This day received, for sale by F. TAYLOR, 1 miniature quarto volume, with ten engravings.
The Boy's Story Book, 1 miniature quarto volume, with ten engravings.
Drawings for young children, 1 volume, containing 150 drawings, &c.
Edgeworth's Parent's Assistant, a new edition, complete in 1 little quarto volume, embellished with very numerous engravings.

A new and beautiful edition of Sandford and Morton, Parley's Maxims, No. 28; the Fairy Gift; Parley's Magic; Poems for Infant Minds, and many other New Juvenile Books, Juvenile Souvenirs, &c. &c. too numerous for an advertisement, and a variety of several hundred of the approved standard Juvenile Books of Edgeworth, Barbauld, Parley and others, all at unusually low prices. dec 28

KNOWLES' NEW DRAMA OF "LOVE" is contained in less than one half of the last "New World" (to subscribers) for about two cents, a drama which sells in the usual pamphlet form for 50 cents.
F. TAYLOR, Bookseller, will receive applications for the "New World," published weekly in New York for 3 dollars per annum, and is the largest and one of the best printed papers in the United States. The previous number contains a play with much matter, the whole of Moore's New Poem of "Alphonsus" which also sells singly for 50 cents. dec 28

SUTHERLAND'S CONGRESSIONAL MANUAL.—Outline of the order of business in the House of Representatives of the U. S. 1 pocket volume, with copious indexes. By Joel B. Sutherland; price \$1.25. This day received, for sale by F. TAYLOR. dec 28

THE POET, a Keepsake for 1840.—Being a Metrical Romance, made up by selections from the Poets of the Seventeenth century, many of which are now printed for the first time, with two illustrations; price one dollar. dec 28

THE TREASURY OF KNOWLEDGE and Library of Reference, in 2 volumes of eleven hundred pages each, full bound in leather; price for the set \$4.75; contains full and complete English Dictionary; Universal Gazetteer; Dictionary of Maxims and Proverbs (English); Classical Dictionary; Dictionary of Quotations from the Latin, Greek, French, Italian, Spanish, &c. &c. with the English translation of each; a Cyclopaedia of Scientific Knowledge; a Biographical Dictionary; a Chronological and Historical Dictionary; a Law Dictionary; a Dictionary of the proverbs, terms and phrases of Foreign Languages with the English translations; a complete English Grammar, and much other useful information.
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CULTURE OF SILK.—A variety of books on this subject, embracing all the best works on the Mulberry, Silk-worm, and Silk, are for sale by F. TAYLOR. Many of them lately received.

Also, a valuable and extensive collection of Books, American and English, on Agriculture, Gardening, Farming and all their various branches, at the lowest prices at his bookstore, immediately east of Gadsby's Hotel. dec 14

THE GOVERNESS, a new novel by the Countess of Blessington. Tales, by Edgar A. Poe, 2 volumes.
The Second part of the Autobiography of Charles Matthews the Comedian, including his account of his residence in the United States.
And James's new novel "Henry of Guise," in two volumes.

Are this day received and for sale by F. TAYLOR, or for circulation among the subscribers to the Waverley Circulating Library. dec 12

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SOUVENIRS for next year.
The Belle of the Season, the Forget me Not; Gems of Beauty; Religious Offering, and many others, are just opened and for sale at New York and Philadelphia prices by F. TAYLOR. dec 19

LARGE MAP OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, on an improved and enlarged plan, embracing the latest and most accurate information; derived from the General Land Office, Engineer Department, Navy Department, &c. &c. by Capt. C. Graham; price \$1.00. Just published—containing more than 21 square feet, for sale by F. TAYLOR. dec 20

SILK GROWING.—A gentleman from the North who has devoted his attention principally to the growing and manufacture of silk, for several years past, and having a sufficient supply of trees, is desirous of uniting with one or more gentlemen, in establishing a silkworm Silk Thresher, at some healthy point of Pennsylvania, where land and the labor of women and children is not dear. His references will be unexceptionable.
Individuals of small associations wishing to commence such a business will please address H. in care of the editor of the Madisonian, Washington, D. C. dec 4-1m

NOTICE.—The managers of the New Orleans Grand National Real Estate Lottery (Caldwell & Oakley) have appointed Richard France and J. B. Gorman, of Washington city, agents to dispose of Tickets in the above Lottery. dec 4-4&c&w

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